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QUANTITY OF GAS LIFTED BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of gas lifted by ONGC daily on the average in different States against the optimum capacity of lifting; and

(b) the details of the plans for out-sourcing natural gas with the stages of development?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a): The daily average gas production from the fields operated by ONGC in various areas during the current year 2004-05 (Apr'04 to Dec'04), statewise, is as under:-

States	Average daily production (MMSCMD)
Western Offshore	48.55
Gujarat	5.93
Assam	1.31
Andhra Pradesh	4.66
Tamilnadu	1.78
Tripura	1.32
Rajasthan	0.05
Total	63.60

The optimum production of gas from any field is a dynamic process subject to different factors like reservoir characteristics, the stage of field life cycle, availability of end consumers, techno economic feasibility, etc. ONGC endeavours to produce gas at rates commensurate with the prevailing circumstances in the area.

(b): Natural gas produced by ONGC, after meeting internal requirements and production of value added products, is handed over to GAIL for further transportation and distribution to various gas based industries.

With a view to maximizing the utilization of gas produced from isolated/marginal fields, Government have empowered ONGC to directly market gas upto one lakh Cubic Meters Per Day (LCMD) in each case if GAIL is not able to identify consumers in the respective areas within 6 months. Accordingly, ONGC have thus far identified 27 consumers in Gujarat, 6 in Andhra Pradesh and 1 in Tamilnadu for the supply of gas upto 1 LCMD, under the direct marketing provisions. Supply to these consumers has already started.